

**EVENING MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
APRIL 26, 2001
MINUTES**

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. in The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on April 26, 2001. Following dinner, board members and staff moved to Ballroom II on the 2nd floor in the Hotel.

Mr. George Walker, SBCJC Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. The following members were present: Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Henry "Bubba" Hudspeth, John Junkin, Jimmy Murphy and George Walker. Ms. Yvonne Brown, Brenda Collins, Veldore Heidelberg and Lawrence Warren were absent. State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) staff present included: Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Olon E. Ray, Wayne Stonecypher and Evelyn Webb.

Mr. Walker called on Dr. Webb to review the recommendations of the Institutions of Higher Learning's (IHL) "Plan for Mississippi Adult Workers as Lifelong Learners". Dr. Webb's provided an overview of the eight recommendations. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the item would be added to Dr. Ray's report for the 4/27/01 meeting and that members consider the appropriate action to be taken by the Board as a response to the IHL.

Mr. Walker then called on Dr. Ray to present the goals for next year. Dr. Ray identified five issues that he and executive staff are discussing as a process of choosing key goals to accomplish next year. The issues pertain to the following: 1) Off-Campus Funding; 2) Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) Procedures and Funding; 3) Development of Virtual Workforce Training Classes; 4) Use of Clusters to Target Training and to Foster a More Market-Driven Training Delivery Mechanism; 5) Electronic Auditing; 6) Online GED Testing Program; and 7) Staff Requirements to Accomplish the Other Six Goals. Dr. Ray called on Dr. Evelyn Webb to review two draft documents that SBCJC staff have been working on as follows: Guidelines for Establishing a New Campus or Extension Site and for Changing the Instructional Mission at a Center or an Extension Site and The State Funding for Mississippi Virtual Community College. (Refer to Attachments A & B.) At the conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Ray asked members to react to proposed goals/issues to help staff make decisions on which issues to incorporate for Fiscal Year (FY) '02.

Mr. Walker then called on Ms. Sara Fox, Board liaison for Finance, to lead the discussion on finance agenda items as follows:

- 1) Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements through April 30, 2001 for Fund 4080 in the amount of \$2,230,831 and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$46,016.00 for a total amount of \$2,276,847.00; (Note: Ms. Gilbert explained that after approving the March disbursements the SBCJC received an additional cut in one cent funding and that we are anticipating cuts each month through June.)
- 2) Z-1 Budget Approvals for Additional FY '01 Appropriations in the amount of \$175,600 for Health Insurance Carryover under the Support budget and \$827,000 in Workforce Carryover under the Administrative budget;

- 3) Purchase approval for six (6) mobile labs from Modular Technologies, Inc.;
- 4) Quarterly Capital Improvements Report;
- 5) Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291 and 4300 as of March 31, 2001; and
- 6) A request for Board member input on items to include in either the support and/or administration budget for FY '03.

There was no other business under the finance agenda.

Next Mr. Walker called on Ms. Joanna Heidel, Board liaison for Programs, to lead the discussion of program agenda items. Ms. Heidel stated that Holmes Community College had requested to expand the Engineering Technology program to their Ridgeland Campus. Ms. Heidel explained that this program was currently an approved program and was being offered on the Goodman Campus of Holmes Community College. Additional full time personnel will not be required and supplies required would be a priority for next year's budget.

Ms. Heidel explained that Hinds Community College also submitted a request for two new programs to be approved, Turf Equipment Management and Irrigation Management. She stated that there was great demand for both of these programs, the salary for program completers was good and that it would not duplicate other college program offerings.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.